

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, LaMantia, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Chief Clarke, Deputy Chief LeBlanc, Chief Guillemette, Deputy Chief Gagnon, Lincoln Hooper, Amy Usowski, Heinz Proft, John Rendon, Ginny Hewitt, Andy Gould, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman MacAskill.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

A. Recognition of Police and Fire Department employees and citizens

Chief Guillemette, Deputy Chief Gagnon, Chief Clarke and Deputy Chief LeBlanc recognized Officer Joseph LaBelle, Officer Phillip Southworth, Captain Craig Thornton, Firefighter Bruce Young, Firefighter Brad Willis, Firefighter Paul Finn, Firefighter Eric Elliott, and Firefighter Jim Clarke who were involved in the successful resuscitation and lifesaving efforts of a resident who suffered cardiac arrest on July 17th on Riverside Drive. Deputy Chief LeBlanc further recognized Firefighter Shaun Piche for his efforts in recovering a couple's lost wedding rings at the beach. Chairman MacAskill thanked them all for their efforts on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Harwich.

B. Introduction of new Police Officer Patrick J. Foley

Chief Guillemette introduced his recommendation for new Police Officer, Patrick J. Foley and provided background information on Mr. Foley. The Board welcomed him aboard.

Ms. Hewitt noted that the Library will be back open for full services tomorrow.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of June 27, 2016
- B. Approve Road Race Application from The Open Doorway of Cape Cod Inc. for 2nd Annual Run for Recovery Flag Relay for September 24 & 25, 2016 including placement of flag on Police Department lawn
- C. Approve Road Race Application from American Lung Association for 32nd Annual Autumn Escape Bicycle Trek on September 24, 2016
- D. Approve and sign State Primary Warrant

- E. Approve request of Channel 18 Director for disbursement from Cable Fund in the amount of \$28,400 for the purchase of new equipment in the Channel 18 Master Control Unit at Community Center
- F. Approve schedule of annual meetings with Committees
- G. Confirm appointment of Patrick J. Foley as Full-time Regular Police Officer as recommended
- H. Approve request by Harwich Conservation Trust to waive permit fees for two tents at Wildlands Music & Art Stroll
- I. Accept gift of \$10,852 from the Ora Gaylord Arooth Trust for the Community Center and authorize Chair to sign acceptance letter

Ms. Brown moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NON-RESIDENT TAXPAYER'S MEETING

The following topics were covered by the speakers as indicated reviewing the progress in the past year:

1. Introduction of new Police Officers – *Chief Guillemette*

Chief Guillemette introduced new Officers Ron Ruggiero and Ryan Fazzino

2. Report on Safety and New Door to Door Sales By-Law – *Chief Guillemette*
3. Report from the Highway Director – *Lincoln Hooper*
4. Report from the Harbormaster – *John Rendon*
5. Report from the Recreation Director – *Eric Beebe*
6. Report from Water Superintendent – *Dan Pelletier*
7. Report from Channel 18 Director on accessing live broadcasts – *Jamie Goodwin*
8. Wastewater Issues – *Heinz Proft, Angelo LaMantia*
9. Overall Financial Position of the Town – *Andy Gould*

Mr. Ed Costello presented a video pertaining to Grey Neck Road beach nourishment and thanked the Town employees for their efforts. He commented that they did a magnificent job restoring the beach and asked that it be done on an as needed basis with the Harbormaster determining when it is necessary.

Mr. Martin Smith of 6 Seaport Lane questioned the need for a café at Saquatucket Harbor as recommended by the Harbormaster as it would be in direct competition with Brax Landing, a well-established business. Mr. Rendon stated that the committee is recommending to lease space for a café to provide breakfast and lunch. He said it would not be a late night facility and would not be in competition with Brax Landing. He commented that it is a much needed service that would tie the waterfront experience into the boardwalk.

Ms. Gail Caridi expressed concerns about pedestrian safety as it is related to the Harbor project. Mr. Rendon responded that the Town Administrator has put in a request to MassDOT to have sidewalks installed from Harwich Port to Saquatucket Harbor.

Ms. Christine Byron expressed concern about water contamination in Nantucket Sound from the seal population. Mr. Proft explained that the Town does water sampling in our bathing areas, as well as other areas, and the coliform counts would have to exceed 100 for a beach to be closed for swimming. He noted that occasionally beaches have closed for this reason over the years. Ms. Byron asked for an update on the former Stone Horse Motel and Ms. Greenhalgh responded that it is now owned by Outer Cape Health.

Mr. Bob Nickerson stated that he lives close to Ember Restaurant and it has been fairly loud there until up to 12:00 at night. He said he did not receive notification about this change in operation. Chairman MacAskill responded that there was a hearing and Ms. Greenhalgh noted that the required notification was done. She added that issues of noise should be reported to the Police Department. Mr. Nickerson asked if there is any intention to put a left turn signal from Route 124 to Queen Anne Road and Mr. Hooper responded that the intersection was designed by VHB and a full traffic study was done prior to implementing it. He said he could have the Cape Cod Commission look at it under a safety audit but he doesn't think there is evidence to support a left turn signal there.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Award of design contract for painting of Brooks Free Library – *discussion & possible vote*

Chairman MacAskill stated that they would hold on this item until there was a full Board.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Town Administrator's Self Evaluation

Chairman MacAskill acknowledged receipt of the Town Administrator's self-evaluation and updated goals and said they would take them up on the next agenda.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

- A. Announcement of Committee Vacancies

Ms. Brown read the committee vacancy list.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman MacAskill adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - 8/8/16 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Non Resident Meeting Notice.pdf
- 03 Report of Harbormaster.pdf
- 04 Report of Recreation Director.pdf
- 05 Minutes June 27, 2016.pdf
- 06 Race Application - Open Doorway.pdf
- 07 Race Application - American Lung.pdf
- 08 State Primary Warrant.pdf
- 09 Cable Fund Request.pdf
- 10 Schedule of Annual Meetings.pdf
- 11 Patrick Foley Offer Letter.pdf
- 12 HCT Tent Waiver.pdf
- 13 Gift to Community Center.pdf
- 14 Town Administrator Self Eval.pdf
- 15 Town Administrator Goals Update.pdf
- 16 Committee Vacancies.pdf